

UN Agency Opens Global Assault on 'Disaster' of AIDS

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Tax File Thief

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By Lawrence K. Altman
New York Times Service

UNITED NATIONS, New York — The World Health Organization has announced that it has begun the first coordinated global effort to combat AIDS, a disease it described as "a health disaster of pandemic proportions."

Dr. Halden Mahter, head of the organization, said Thursday it was elevating the fight against acquired immunodeficiency syndrome to a status equivalent to its program to combat other groups of tropical diseases and to promote childhood immunization.

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He said the organization, an agency of the United Nations that is based in Geneva, was also giving the AIDS effort the kind of backing it gave to the eradication of smallpox. He said the organization hoped to be raising \$1.5 billion a year by the 1990s for the fight against AIDS. He said \$200 million would be sought for the program next year.

Dr. Mahter said, "We stand nakedly in front of a very serious disaster at a moment when our population is older than ever has been."

He said, "I don't know of any greater killer than AIDS, not to speak of its psychological, social and economic maelstrom."

Dr. Mahter, in an interview, admitted that he had not taken the disease seriously enough.

"Everything is getting worse and worse in AIDS and all of us have been underestimating it, and I am particularly," he said.

Dr. Mahter said at a news conference that 100,000 people worldwide have come down with AIDS, according to reports by governments and organizations by the World Health Organization. One million people have AIDS-related disorders, he said, and up to 10 million are infected with the AIDS virus and are presumably capable of spreading it.

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The Pontiff Drinks to an Ancient Culture

Pope John Paul II drank from a coconut shell filled with kava, a ritual brew made from the roots of a pepper plant, as he was welcomed Friday to the island of Fiji during his tour of the South Pacific. At a Mass, the pope urged Christian unity, a respect for native culture and a dialogue with the Hindu and Moslem communities in Fiji. He also called for more young men to volunteer for the priesthood.

Ramos, Senior Generals Urge Aquino To Replace Lax Members of Cabinet

By Keith B. Richburg
Washington Post Service

MANILA — The Philippines armed forces chief of staff acknowledged publicly Friday that he and senior army generals had asked President Corason C. Aquino for the "immediate replacement" of certain cabinet members "who have not performed adequately."

General Fidel V. Ramos, who has emerged here as a pivotal player between Mr. Aquino and disaffected in the military, was widely credited to have presented Mr. Aquino with a list of military demands to stage off a planned coup.

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members he and the generals wanted removed.

There was no mention of a deadline. Nor was there a hint as to what action he and the generals might take if the "recommendations" were not heeded.

General Ramos's statement, which was a detailed explanation of the joint Chiefs of Staff, have called on Mr. Aquino to dismiss the national security adviser, Vice Ad-

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Iran Got 2,008 Missiles, House Leader Asserts

Wright Says Israel Thought U.S. Approved

By Stephen Engelberg

WASHINGTON — The House majority leader says that Israel, acting with the approval of some Reagan administration officials, shipped Iran 2,008 TOW anti-tank missiles and parts to make functional at least 35 Hawk anti-aircraft missile batteries, a quantity of weapons much greater than previously acknowledged.

The congressional leader, Jim Wright of Texas, said he learned of the shipments from The Adminal John M. Poindexter, President Ronald Reagan's national security adviser.

He said there was a series of shipments by Israel, which was "given to understand it was carrying out the wishes of the United States."

The statement by Mr. Wright came amid a wave of protest that swept Capitol Hill on Thursday over the Reagan policy on Iran.

Some legislators said the intelligence community should be reoriented so that presidents could not conceal covert operations from Congress for more than a few days. Other members said they would investigate the administration's use of the National Security Council in clandestine operations.

[The director of the CIA, William J. Casey, defended President Reagan's secret arms sales to Iran on Friday before disbelieving lawmakers of the House and Senate intelligence committees. The Associated Press reported that the outgoing Republican chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana, said of the Reagan administration: "They need to bring in some big leaguers to run things."

The newly designated Senate majority leader, Robert C. Byrd, said Friday that the Reagan administration was "in a state of self-paralysis" over the Iranian arms shipments, and he called for an internal investigation of how U.S. foreign policy is conducted.

Mr. Byrd, Democrats of West Virginia, said in a television interview that he had prepared legislation requiring that any covert intelligence activity originating from the country with significant striking power in its war with Iraq, according to military experts here.

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Robert H. Michel of Illinois, right, the House minority leader, leaving a meeting with Ronald Reagan on Thursday. At left is Jim Wright of Texas, the House majority leader.

Reagan Declines in Poll

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An ABC News poll indicates that most Americans think President Ronald Reagan has been untruthful in his statements about the secret arms deal with Iran, and his approval rating has dropped 10 points since September, to 57 percent.

The sample of 508 people picked at random and interviewed by telephone after Mr. Reagan's nationally televised news conference Wednesday showed that 59 percent thought he had not told the truth about the operation. The same percentage disapproved of the way he has handled relations with Iran. The poll released Thursday had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Most of those interviewed said they did not believe Mr. Reagan's assertion that the secret arms sales to Iran were not part of a swap of arms for hostages. Most said they did not approve of such an exchange.

U.S. Missiles Increase Iranian Striking Power

By Charles Mohr
New York Times Service

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Sandoz Vows To Clean Up Rhine Spill

By Thomas Netter
Special to the Herald Tribune

GENEVA — The chairman of Sandoz AG pledged Friday to organize and finance a campaign to correct pollution damage to the Rhine caused by a fire at the company's plant near Basel.

In his first news conference since the Nov. 1 disaster, Marc Moret said that Sandoz would call on ecologists, scientists and technical experts for the project, which he said could be organized as a special foundation. He gave few details, however.

Mr. Moret was unable, for example, to provide a precise figure for the Sandoz contribution or details on the scope and timing of the project.

"The restoration of the Rhine takes a very special plan," Mr. Moret said. "Here we are dealing with a project of gigantic proportions."

The fire at the Sandoz plant resulted in severe pollution there when about 30 tons of agricultural chemicals and dyes were washed into the river by water from fire hoses.

Mr. Moret later told a Swiss radio station that Sandoz would stop using mercury in its products. The Associated Press reported that about 140 pounds (63 kilograms) of mercury were washed into the river after the fire, and authorities warned that the poison could enter the food chain.

The Sandoz announcement apparently was aimed at critics, both in Switzerland and among its Rhine neighbors, who have accused the company of ignoring or lowering safety standards and withholding information on the disaster.

Sandoz officials said that they



Marc Moret, the chairman of Sandoz, announcing a plan to repair damage to the Rhine River caused by the Basel fire.

hoped the proposal would help repair the company's image.

"We have to get back the confidence and show we are prepared to face the future," said Max Kaufmann, a company spokesman.

Mr. Moret said that a number of "foreign institutions," which he refused to identify, had offered to help Sandoz clean the river. He added that Sandoz also planned to set up a committee of independent experts to examine the company's safety practices.

He added that the report on safety procedures would be made public.

Financial analysts from several major Swiss banks have said that they believe the major problem facing the chemical industry now is an image crisis, which prompted a sharp drop in the prices of shares in Sandoz, and another chemical

At White House, Mood Is Acrimonious

By David Hoffman
and Gwen Hill
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The clandestine shipments of U.S. weapons to Iran have touched off a bitter round of recriminations within the Reagan administration, according to officials.

President Ronald Reagan's most senior advisers are causing blame on themselves and one another for what has become one of the most serious foreign policy crises of Mr. Reagan's six years in office, the officials said Thursday.

Mr. Reagan's former national security adviser, Robert C. McFarlane, said Thursday night that he had informed Secretary of State George P. Shultz "repeatedly and often" about his secret mission to Iran last May.

Mr. Shultz has maintained that he was only "sporadically" informed about the operation.

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Donald T. Regan, left, White House chief of staff, and Vice Admiral John M. Poindexter, the national security adviser.

Shultz Is Pressing to Direct Any Future Contacts With Iranians

By Bernard Gwertzman

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State George P. Shultz believes that his views on dealing with Iran have been largely endorsed by President Ronald Reagan, but he is now pressing for ground rules that would give the State Department a leading role in any future contacts with Iran, according to department officials.

The officials told Thursday that Mr. Reagan, in a news conference Wednesday night, said he had directed that "no further sales of arms be sent to Iran." But one official noted that the president had not touched on Mr. Shultz's other request — a new set of rules.

State Department officials said Mr. Shultz

is "pretty pleased by the way things are moving." They also said that the developments seemed to obviate any reason now for Mr. Shultz to raise the possibility of his resignation.

But the officials were uncomfortable with some of Mr. Reagan's comments, which they said did not conform to the facts as they knew them.

At one point, Mr. Reagan was asked why he did not shake up the National Security Council system so that White House aides could not run such operations as the secret arms sales to Iran to the exclusion of the State Department and the Defense Department.

The president replied, "The State Depart-

ment and the secretary of state were involved."

Last week, the State Department spokesman, Charles E. Redman, said that Mr. Shultz had been "consulted," but was "not directly involved" and received only "sporadic information."

On Monday, Mr. Shultz said, "There is a lot about what transpired that I don't know about." On Thursday, Mr. Redman, when asked about the president's remark, repeated that Mr. Shultz had not been "directly involved."

Mr. Reagan also said in the news conference that there had been no discussion of Mr. Shultz's resignation. "He has made it plain that he will stay as long as I want him, and I want him," the president said.

Mr. Redman, when asked about this statement, said, "I certainly have nothing to add."

One of Mr. Shultz's aides said: "For Shultz, the big question is how the system shakes down and to make sure that the process produces a set of rules that would never allow a McFarlane mission to occur the way it did."

He was referring to the secret mission to Tehran in May by Robert C. McFarlane, a former national security adviser, together with Lieutenant Colonel Oliver L. North, a White House aide, and an Iran expert from the Central Intelligence Agency. Their plane also carried arms for sale to Iran.

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France Shakes the Delays Out of New Visa System, Considers Making It Permanent

By Axel Krause
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — When Martin and Marilyn Salvin of Beverly Hills, California, arrived at Charles de Gaulle airport last Monday, they expected a long, frustrating wait while authorities inspected their visas before letting them through. Instead, they found the formalities uncomplicated and only slightly more time-consuming than they ever had before — a policeman waved them through after a cursory glance at their passports and at the visas they had obtained almost as quickly at the French consulate in Los Angeles.

While there have been few complaints about major problems at airports or other entry points, travelers coming to France have expected the same kind of delays and confusion they encountered in getting the visas they need to meet the country's tightened entry requirements. When France rolled the new system into effect Oct. 1 as one of the measures designed to combat a wave of terrorism, the resulting confusion and delays contributed to a slowdown in tourism, already severely damaged by fears of the violence.

As recently as two weeks ago, visitors still complained angrily about long waits for visas at French embassies and consulates in countries outside Western Europe. But the experiences recounted by travelers who were interviewed in Paris this week indicated that while there are still occasional snags, most of the problems have been dealt with. Getting their visas in Los Angeles took barely an hour, the Salvin said, although a Japanese professor said he had waited more than a week before being issued a visa in Tokyo.

No all the uncertainty about the visa system has cleared away, however. The biggest question that remains is whether the bureaucratic process will become permanent.

That prospect, which is being speculated on by diplomats throughout Europe, would intensify the debate over whether visas help stop terrorism. It could also draw new protests from foreign governments, while possibly extending the damage to the French tourist industry into 1987.

A spokeswoman for Prime Minister Jacques Chirac said, "Nothing has been decided about the future, and our system will be continued for the initial, six-month trial period."

Visitors from the 11 other European Community countries and Switzerland were exempted from the requirement, which applies to 42 countries whose citizens were previously not required to obtain visas.

Ordinarily, about 6.5 million people from the 42 countries could be expected to visit France each year, with 2.4 million from the United States alone.

Last month, foreigners living in France holding a resident permit valid for more than one year were exempted from the visa requirement.

No unusual delays were reported by travelers holding visas who entered France by air, rail or sea.

To meet the demands, the Foreign Ministry in the past several weeks hired 600 people to process visas in key cities, notably London, New York and Algiers. A computer has been installed at an annex of the Foreign Ministry in Paris. Consulates have realized the cooperation of airlines to alert travelers about the requirement and the 50 pre-visa fee.

In the United States, travel agencies have been charging as much as \$70 to obtain a visa. West says, the Foreign Ministry's budget for processing visas will be more than doubled from the 1985 level to 228 million francs (\$35 million) and speculation in France and abroad that the system will become permanent.

That prospect, however, has already started controversy. Peter Janowitch, Austria's foreign minister, said, "People stop me in the streets of Vienna and ask: why aren't we installing against the French?"

The mood against France is growing here," Mr. Janowitch said in a telephone interview, "not only because it goes contrary to the spirit of free movement of persons in Europe but it hits all the wrong people." He added, "I for one am also very suspicious about claims the system is temporary."

To show their displeasure, both Mr. Janowitch and the Swedish foreign minister, Sten Andersson, boycotted a meeting of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg on Wednesday and Thursday. Their governments, and those of

Norway, Finland and Iceland, previously protested the French action on the grounds that it violated conventions guaranteeing free circulation of travelers among the council's 11 member nations. France rejected requests to abolish the program.

Brazil, Colombia and Algeria retaliated by requiring visas for French visitors.

"We think the French policy is something of an outrage and is, above all, aimed at controlling immigration from Third World countries, not terrorism," said Rodney Wallis, head of security for the International Air Transport Association. "No piece of paper can safely guarantee efforts to prevent terrorism and extend reciprocal privileges to U.S. travelers. France, previously a likely candidate, would be ruled out if the program is started. U.S. officials said,

that of generating revenues for government.

Responding to the criticism, a senior Foreign Ministry official who helps direct France's program said, "Visas are one way of controlling access to our country by possible terrorists, and we understand that some people, notably Americans, are not in the habit of waiting." But he added, "the United States believes visas make sense; why should we?"

Previously, President Ronald Reagan's term signed a bill that would establish a pilot program allowing some Europeans and other allies to enter the United States on tourist visas for periods of up to 90 days without a visa. The program would initially apply to eight countries, which have not yet been designated and which extend reciprocal privileges to U.S. travelers. France, previously a likely candidate, would be ruled out if the program is started. U.S. officials said,

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Chancellor Franz Vranitzky, a Socialist, has left open whether he will form a coalition with the leader of the conservative People's Party, Alfred Mock. But polls have the two parties running even, and a coalition appears to be the only way out of a likely election impasse.

Politicians are competing for the ballots of nearly 5.5 million voters, who will elect deputies to 183 parliamentary seats.

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BLAME: At the White House, the Mood Is Acrimonious

(Continued from Page 1) "It's into dealings with Iran, but that thought 'it was a sensible policy' to attempt to open a political dialogue with the United States. In a statement Thursday, he appeared to shift emphasis somewhat,

taking more personal responsibility for the Iran episode. He affirmed the statement he made in the interview, but amplified it, saying the arms shipments were a "mistake" because they created political "harm" when they were disclosed.

He added, "As a senior adviser to the president, I should have anticipated this potential outcome, the failure to do so represents a serious error in judgment for which I accept full responsibility."

Regan's cabinet, who was Mr. McFarlane's reflected increasingly bitter criticism that has swept the White House since the Iran operation was disclosed.

"Everybody is running from this thing," said a White House aide. "If anyone thinks this was such a bad idea, who brought it up with the president?"

White House officials said they were angry about the statements from the State Department that Mr. Shultz was only "apparently" informed of the Iran operation.

The chief White House spokesman, Larry Speakes, said Thursday that Mr. Shultz had participated in two meetings in which the operation was discussed and decided upon with the president.

In addition, Mr. McFarlane's statements that the arms shipments were a "mistake" triggered sharp questioning from the White House about Mr. McFarlane's role in the operation.

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India Seizes Radios Used By Sri Lanka Guerrillas

By Richard M. Weintraub
International Herald Tribune

NEW DELHI — Indian police in Tamil Nadu state seized radios operated by Sri Lankan Tamil guerrillas group Friday in the second major sweep against the militant group.

Official sources said that "classified" radio equipment was seized in a number of centers across the state, according to news agency reports from Tamil Nadu, the southernmost state in India.

Indian officials deny any connection between the police sweeps and talks over Sri Lanka's ethnic confrontation, but the two operations have little doubt that New Delhi has decided to increase pressure on the Sri Lankan guerrillas, who maintain headquarters in Tamil Nadu.

Large quantities of arms and ammunition were seized in police raids Nov. 4, and a number of guerrilla leaders were detained for several days before the recent meeting of South Asian leaders in Bangalore, where the Sri Lankan issue figured prominently in bilateral talks.

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WORLD BRIEFS

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MADRID (AP) — The Socialist government on Friday eased restrictions in a 1985 law that permitted abortion only in case of danger to the mother's life, malformation of the fetus and pregnancy resulting from rape.

The modifications abolish requirements that a five-member committee approve all abortion requests, and that no abortions be performed in government-sanctioned hospitals and that no abortions be performed after the 12th week of gestation. Abortions now will be permitted in private clinics, with the approval of two doctors, and "high-risk" abortions after the 12th week will be allowed.

Mitterrand Cautions on Arms Talks
PARIS (WP) — President François Mitterrand called Friday on the United States to pay more attention to the views of its European allies before beginning arms-control negotiations with the Soviet Union next month.

Mr. Mitterrand spoke in a joint press conference with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Britain. Both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to the nuclear disarmament.

Mr. Mitterrand implicitly criticized President Ronald Reagan for failing to consult U.S. allies adequately before the Reykjavik meeting in October. This reflected the anxiety in West European capitals about proposals to abolish entire classes of nuclear weapons. Mr. Reagan has since agreed to seek reductions — rather than the elimination — of ballistic missiles and "sweeping out" in intermediate range missiles in Europe and Asia.

Bonn, Moscow Call Off More Visits
BONN (AP) — Two more official visits between Bonn and Moscow were called off Friday, raising hopes for the number of visits between the two cities.

During the visit with Newsweek magazine published last week, Mr. Kohl said that Mr. Gorbachev's recent remarks in which he appeared to compare the public relations efforts of the Soviet leader with those of Joseph Goebbels, the Nazi propaganda chief.

On Friday, the Soviet Union postponed indefinitely a visit here by Deputy Prime Minister Alexei Leonov, who is chairman of a joint Soviet-West German economic committee. Volker Rixe, one of Mr. Kohl's top foreign affairs advisers, on Friday called off a planned trip to Moscow after the Russians failed to give him a visa or an invitation for his visit.

Lava Flow Threatens Japanese Town
TOKYO (AP) — A fire 600 yards (550 meters) long opened Friday near the Mount Mihara volcano, sending lava pouring toward a small town on Ohshima Island and forcing thousands of residents and tourists to evacuate.

The police in Tokyo said lava flows were headed toward the island's most populated district and that about 40 forest fires were reported. About 13,000 people live on the island, a popular tourist spot about 70 miles (113 kilometers) south of Tokyo.

About 240 people were evacuated around the patrol-west Katori of the Maritime Safety Agency, a spokesman said. He added that he had been informed that one person aboard the ship was dead, but did not say how. In addition, the Tokai Steamship Co., which operates regular ferry service between Ohshima and Tokyo, said it brought 38 elderly people and children to Izu Peninsula, southwest of Tokyo.

SHULTZ: Control Over Contacts
(Continued from Page 1) Department official as irritated that such an important mission could have been undertaken without his knowledge and without the expertise of the State Department.

What has reportedly troubled Mr. Shultz was that the White House, and mostly Vice Admiral John M. Ponder, the national security adviser, seemed to underestimate the effect of the secret arms sale on U.S. relations with Arab nations, which had been assured that the United States was



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By Helen Dewar

WASHINGTON — The Senate Democrats and Republicans have re-elected their leadership, including Robert C. Byrd, Democrat of West Virginia, as majority leader and Dan Rostenkowski, Republican of Illinois, as minority leader, as the 100th Congress gathered Thursday for its first session since Democrats regained control of the Senate in elections Nov. 4.

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U.S. Wants to Scrap All Ballistic Missiles, Defense Aide Insists

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Despite assertions from administration officials that the U.S. arsenal should have some long-range missiles, a Defense Department official said Friday that the United States would like to do away with them.

Richard N. Perle, assistant secretary of defense for international security policy, testifying at a congressional panel, said that differing statements over the U.S. arms control position arose from emphasizing different aspects of policy that emerged from the meeting between the American and Soviet leaders in Iceland on Oct. 11 and 12.

Appearing before a panel of the House Armed Services Committee, Mr. Perle insisted there was no confusion despite statements by President Ronald Reagan, Mr. Shultz and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Britain suggesting that Washington was no longer pressing for an end to all ballistic missiles.

Mr. Perle was asked by Representative Les Aspin, Democrat of Wisconsin and the committee chairman:

"Is our position that we are for zero ballistic missiles?"

"It is," said Mr. Perle.

Mr. Aspin then asked, "If the Soviets picked up that piece of paper and signed it, would we go ahead?"

"We would," said Mr. Perle.

Mr. Perle also said the United States had not dropped a proposal that would get intermediate-range missiles out of Europe and leave each side with 100 warheads on missiles in Soviet Asia and in the United States.

Mr. Thatcher, after meeting with Mr. Reagan last weekend, said their nations agreed that a priority at the Geneva summit, which resumes in January, should be seeking a 50-percent cut in all strategic nuclear forces and a cut in medium-range missiles.

Mr. Aspin asked Mr. Perle: "Would you consider breaking relations with Nicaragua to increase pressure on the government?"

The reporter said his editors knew that he had sought the right to ask questions at the news conference. But VOA officials said the agency had reaffirmed its prohibition in recent months.

Ms. Lopez-Munoz, 28, said a supervisor had told her to clear questions beforehand. But she added, "I assumed properly cleared meant cleared with my director." She said she had discussed her questions with a Radio Martí editor.

She said a colleague at Radio Martí said that an official at the National Security Council had objected to her questions. But Mr. Carlson denied that.

"I'm proud of Radio Martí," said Ms. Lopez-Munoz, a native of Cuba who once worked for The Miami Herald. "I don't want to be discredited by any means."

But she added, "I think it's important for our credibility to have some freedom to act as journalists."

Soviets Attack Reagan
A Soviet official, calling Pres-

ident Reagan an unworthy ideologist, warned Friday that superpower negotiations might have to wait until after the next election. United Press International reported from Moscow.

The personal attack by Georgy A. Arbatov, director of the Institute for U.S. and Canadian Studies here, was termed "particularly nasty" by a Western diplomat.

The attack was published in the Communist Party newspaper Pravda, which would require approval at the highest levels.

Mr. Arbatov accused Mr. Reagan of moving since the Iceland meeting a month ago with Mikhail Gorbachev from "talks to rapid anti-Sovietism." He said that the Kremlin could not trust the American leader's word.

"Where is the genuine, real President Reagan," Mr. Arbatov wrote. "Is the president a competent person at present?" Or is someone else talking out of his lips — now one, now another — depending on the circumstances?"

Review of Missile Offer
President Reagan has ordered U.S. departments, including the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to study the consequences of eliminating all nuclear-armed ballistic missiles in 10 years, U.S. officials said Thursday, according to a report by The Los Angeles Times from Washington.

The administration has been backing away from a proposal to eliminate the missiles, which Mr. Reagan made a month ago to the Soviet Union at the Iceland meeting, after intense criticism by U.S. allies, Congress and arms control experts. All criticized the proposal on its merits as well as criticizing Mr. Reagan for introducing it without examination by the Joint Chiefs and government agencies.

The studies are expected to be completed in early December and will determine whether the United States continues to formally keep that proposal on the negotiating table in Geneva, modifies it or repudiates it with another offer.

Romania to Cut Military Budget, Armed Forces

BUCHAREST — President Nicolae Ceausescu announced Friday big cuts in Romania's armed forces. The announcement was made before a national referendum on the constitution.

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VOA Pulls Reporter Off Reagan Beat

By Robin Toner

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — A reporter for Radio Martí, a station operated by the United States for broadcasts to Cuba, has been removed from her White House assignment after asking President Ronald Reagan two questions at his televised news conference on Wednesday night.

The reporter, Annette Lopez-Munoz, said she was told Thursday by a supervisor that she was "in trouble" because she did not "properly clear" her questions with the White House.

She said she had discussed her questions with a Radio Martí editor.

She said a colleague at Radio Martí said that an official at the National Security Council had objected to her questions. But Mr. Carlson denied that.

"I'm proud of Radio Martí," said Ms. Lopez-Munoz, a native of Cuba who once worked for The Miami Herald. "I don't want to be discredited by any means."

But she added, "I think it's important for our credibility to have some freedom to act as journalists."

Soviets Attack Reagan
A Soviet official, calling Pres-

ident Reagan an unworthy ideologist, warned Friday that superpower negotiations might have to wait until after the next election. United Press International reported from Moscow.

The personal attack by Georgy A. Arbatov, director of the Institute for U.S. and Canadian Studies here, was termed "particularly nasty" by a Western diplomat.

The attack was published in the Communist Party newspaper Pravda, which would require approval at the highest levels.

Mr. Arbatov accused Mr. Reagan of moving since the Iceland meeting a month ago with Mikhail Gorbachev from "talks to rapid anti-Sovietism." He said that the Kremlin could not trust the American leader's word.

"Where is the genuine, real President Reagan," Mr. Arbatov wrote. "Is the president a competent person at present?" Or is someone else talking out of his lips — now one, now another — depending on the circumstances?"

Review of Missile Offer
President Reagan has ordered U.S. departments, including the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to study the consequences of eliminating all nuclear-armed ballistic missiles in 10 years, U.S. officials said Thursday, according to a report by The Los Angeles Times from Washington.

The administration has been backing away from a proposal to eliminate the missiles, which Mr. Reagan made a month ago to the Soviet Union at the Iceland meeting, after intense criticism by U.S. allies, Congress and arms control experts. All criticized the proposal on its merits as well as criticizing Mr. Reagan for introducing it without examination by the Joint Chiefs and government agencies.

The studies are expected to be completed in early December and will determine whether the United States continues to formally keep that proposal on the negotiating table in Geneva, modifies it or repudiates it with another offer.

Romania to Cut Military Budget, Armed Forces

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Canada Denies U.S. Pressed On Helicopter Parts for Iran

Agence France-Press

OTTAWA — Canada has denied that it was pressured by Washington to authorize exports with potential military value to Iran to further U.S. moves to free hostages in Lebanon.

Joe Clark, the secretary of state for external affairs, who has been criticized in the House of Commons over the shipments, said Thursday that Canada had acted "completely independently" when it authorized Pratt & Whitney of



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he would consider breaking relations with Nicaragua to increase pressure on the government.

The reporter said his editors knew that he had sought the right to ask questions at the news conference. But VOA officials said the agency had reaffirmed its prohibition in recent months.

Ms. Lopez-Munoz, 28, said a supervisor had told her to clear questions beforehand. But she added, "I assumed properly cleared meant cleared with my director." She said she had discussed her questions with a Radio Martí editor.

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Prices Sharply Higher on NYSE

United Press International
NEW YORK — Prices on the New York Stock Exchange shot higher Friday as rising bond prices and futures-related buy programs fueled a rebound from the sell-off linked to the Ivan Boesky insider-trading scandal.

It was the sixth-busiest day of trading in Wall Street history and the heaviest since Sept. 12, when a record 240.5 million shares changed hands.

As investors flocked to blue-chip issues, the Dow Jones industrial average climbed 32.90 to 1,593.56.

Volume amounted to 200.65 million shares, up from 158.13 million Thursday. Among the 2,025 issues traded, advancing issues led declining ones by a 19-to-1 ratio.

Broad-market indexes rocketed. The New York Stock Exchange composite index rose 1.92 to 140.94. The price of an average share rose 19 cents. Standard & Poor's 500-stock index shot up 3.81 to 245.86.

The market opened mixed but quickly moved higher, helped by a strong bond market, strong buying in blue chip issues and a rebound in some of the takeover issues that were hit hard early in the week because of the Boesky scandal.

Bond prices again as fears faded that the Federal Reserve Board might allow an interest rate to rise.

Ralph Acampora, chief technical analyst at Kidder, Peabody, said news that Ivan F. Boesky had agreed to pay \$100 million to settle SEC insider-trading charges against him had prompted traders to feel negative about the market early in the week.

As soon as everyone said, buyers came to

market to pick up stocks at lower prices. Mr. Acampora said, and as prices began climbing again, buyers came rushing in.

"There's a lot of cash on the sidelines, and institutional portfolio managers can't afford to let the market rise without them," he said.

Mr. Acampora predicted that the market's highs would soon eclipse the record close of 1919.71 set Sept. 4.

Carol Morrow, a market strategist at Piper Jaffray & Hoopes in Minneapolis, said the market had held up well, despite having its confidence shaken by the Boesky affair and President Ronald Reagan's handling of arms shipments to Iran.

Coca-Cola Enterprises was the most active NYSE-listed issue, up 1/4 to 16 1/4 on volume of more than 17 million shares in an initial public offering. The company is the bottling system of Coca-Cola. Coca-Cola rose 1/4 to 5 1/4.

AT&T followed, rising 1/4 to 2 1/4.

Continental Illinois was third, unchanged at 5 1/4. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. sold 50 million shares of the company at that price to an underwriting syndicate. The FDIC now holds about 110 million Continental shares.

Blue chips continued to attract buyers as they have since Wednesday.

Dow Chemical climbed 1 1/4 to 59. Eastman Kodak rose 1/4 to 69. General Electric climbed 1 1/4 to 79. Sears rose 1 1/4 to 43 1/4. Philip Morris rose 3/4 to 70 1/4. McDonald's jumped 3/4 to 63 1/4. International Paper jumped 2 1/4 to 7 1/4. Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing climbed 3/4 to 10 1/4 and General Motors moved up 1/4 to 7 1/4.

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Latest From de Kooning

At 82, Willem de Kooning is as active as ever in his studio, on Long Island. Some of his most recent works, including paintings done in the past few months, are on display at the Anthony D'Offrey Gallery in New Bond Street. The oldest of the paintings are from 1983 (including the untitled work shown here). Continuing the phase of his work that de Kooning began in 1980, these paintings are characterized by brilliance and lightness, as well as layers scraped down and painted over, stretched as thin as glazes at times. Until Jan. 14.

WASHINGTON

O'Keeffe Show Planned

The National Gallery of Art will mount a major exhibition of the works of Georgia O'Keeffe next year to mark the centennial of the artist's birth. It will also be shown at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the Art Institute of Chicago and the Dallas Museum of Art. J. Carter Brown, the National Gallery's director, said the show would include 60 paintings and 30 works on paper. Brown said this would be the first major showing of works by O'Keeffe since the Whitney Museum of Art exhibition 15 years ago. A leader in the development of American modernism, the artist died March 8, 1971. The catalog by Jack Cowart, the National Gallery's curator of 20th-century art, and Joan Hamilton, who worked with O'Keeffe in her last years, will include 30 to 35 letters by O'Keeffe from 1911 to 1983. The exhibition will run Nov. 1, 1987, to Feb. 21, 1988.

(NYT)

A Legacy in Lace

Hillwood, the mansion where Marjorie Meriweather Post entertained when she was in Washington, and where the best of her French, Russian and American Indian artworks are now gathered in a museum, has added to its permanent exhibits a display of the magnificent lace and brocade tablecloths on which the heiress and her guests dined and entertained. Her 30-seat dining table, of marble, alabaster and lapis lazuli, is being changed into settings. Also in the newly remodeled galleries are other lace pieces, such as this 1880 point de gaze wedding veil from Brussels.

REGENSBURG

Art von Thurn und Taxis

One of West Germany's biggest landowners, Prince Johannes von Thurn und Taxis, and his wife, Princess Gloria, have set up a modern art center in a wing of their medieval castle. The first exhibition is of works by the New York artist Ted Victor and the Brazilian painter Ivail Gromato.

PARIS

Rostropovich and Prokofiev

Mikhail Rostropovich will conduct the first of three all-Prokofiev programs with the Orchestre de Paris on Wednesday and Thursday, with a program of the same kind on the latter. "Chore" and the concertmaster, Neversky. The other programs, all in the Paris Prokofiev cycle, are Dec. 17 and 18, with the Violin Concerto No. 1 with Anne-Sophie Mutter and the Piano Concerto No. 3 with Michel Beroff, and the "Scythian" Suite, and Dec. 21 with "Peter and the Wolf" and Symphony No. 7. On Dec. 7 and 8, with the Orchestre National de France and soloists including Gidon Kremer and Vladimir Spivakov. Gedda, Rostropovich is conducting two concert performances of Prokofiev's opera "War and Peace."

The Increasing Stature of Donizetti

by William Weaver

BERGAMO, Italy — For at least half a century the Teatro Donizetti, here in the composer's native city, has been devoting its attention annually to the works — especially the neglected ones — of Donizetti's beloved Italian opera. And gradually the effect of these revivals has spread to other, more renowned opera houses. The renewed fame of works like "Anna Bolena" and "Maria Stuarda" began here, before the opera were taken up by La Scala and internationally famous sopranos.

For the last five years Bergamo has sponsored a Donizetti festival, incorporated into its normal opera season. This year, the festival included a concert performance of "Il Divino Ubaldo," a staging of "Torre di Tasso" by the visiting Opera Giocosa company from Genoa, and a double bill of two comic one-acters, "Il Giovedì Grasso" and "Il Campiello." The latter has been heard before in Bergamo (and has been recorded). The former piece is virtually unknown.

Both belong to Donizetti's years in Naples, and though the plots are derived from French farces of the time, both possess an unmistakable sunny Mediterranean humor. "Il Campiello" is a bawdier joke. "Il Giovedì Grasso" also involves a disguise, deceit, and bribery, but — especially in the soprano's music — there is an undercurrent of pathos, the quality that marks Donizetti's comic masterpieces. "Il Giovedì Grasso," in a multi-faceted set by Carlo Savi.



More and more, the figure of the composer Donizetti is beginning to come into focus.

proper attention, they reveal a wealth of manner and grace. Fortunately the conductor, Bruno Campanella took the light-hearted pieces seriously. They provided irresistible fun, but there was also an engaging subtlety in their wit. The staging, by Giorgio Monti, was simple, but effective, in a multi-faceted set by Carlo Savi.

The cast included some veterans, like the justly admired comic basso Enzo Dara and the versatile baritone Angelo Rossoni, and also some promising young artists, among them the soprano Silvana Mangia, a sweet and poised Briga in "Il Campiello," and the tenor Aldo Bertolo, a lyrical Ernesto in "Il Giovedì Grasso." And there was an admirably fluent sense of ensemble.

Depending on how many lost or incomplete works you count, Donizetti composed about 80 operas, many of them still to be rediscovered and to judge by recent revivals, there are musical treasures to be unearthed. Besides the opera Giocosa company. Besides the successful "Torre di Tasso" (which has also been recorded), they are currently touring a production of the 1828 work, "L'Esule di Roma," a story of treachery, remorse, and rewarded devotion in classical Rome.

Subtitled *malinconico eroico*, "L'Esule di Roma" has a happy ending — among other things a fierce lion in the Colosseum refuses to devour the tenor, who once removed a thorn from his foot (this scene takes place off stage) — and like other semi-serious operas, it may have suffered from what seems to modern audiences a mixture of genres.

As if to separate the joyous ending from what had preceded it, the director, Beppe de Toni, had the characters appear finally in 19th-century dress, in front of a large statue of Donizetti. This was a misalliance and dampened the effect of the triumphant conclusion. But for the rest, the staging was

sober and convincing, and Ferruccio Villagross's sets, with columns and arches, suggested economically a sumptuous Rome.

The principal character is the senator Murena, whose villainy has already been accomplished before the curtain rises. This is chiefly a drama of remorse, and the elegant lyrical bass Simone Alaimo portrayed a life-size performance of the role of Argelia, his daughter, was sung by Cecilia Gasdia, much applauded, who was succeeded by the appealing Patricia Orlandi. The tenor part of Settimio, the lion's friend, was sung first by Ernesto Palacchio, then by Sergio Bertocci. The Opera Giocosa chorus was dim, but happily the chorus does not figure prominently. The Piacenza Orchestra, on the other hand, played with flair under Massimo de Bernart, who not only kept the opera moving at a taut, unrushed pace, but also accompanied the singers with helpful support.

More and more, the figure of the composer Donizetti is beginning to come into focus, and his stature only increases as he is better known. Italian record companies have published discs even of his piano works and chamber music, which for the most part have more charm than weight. His sacred music, also being brought to light, is another, interesting story. But it is the rest of those 80 operas that most fascinate the opera-lover. Fortunately they also seem now to fascinate impressionists.

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Leonardo in Record Drawings Sale

NEW YORK — The \$21-million group of Old Master drawings sold at Sotheby's on Nov. 17 may signal the beginning of an era. It is not the magnitude of the figure, exceeded only by the Chatsworth sale of Old Master drawings held at Christie's in 1984, that makes Sotheby's auction an unprecedented event, but the way in which the John R. Gaines Collection was formed and sold.

Gaines, of Lexington, Kentucky, made a fortune in dog food — Gaines Bangers are dear to the heart of many a puppy owner — and horse breeding. His acquaintance with drawings, as he told the story in the

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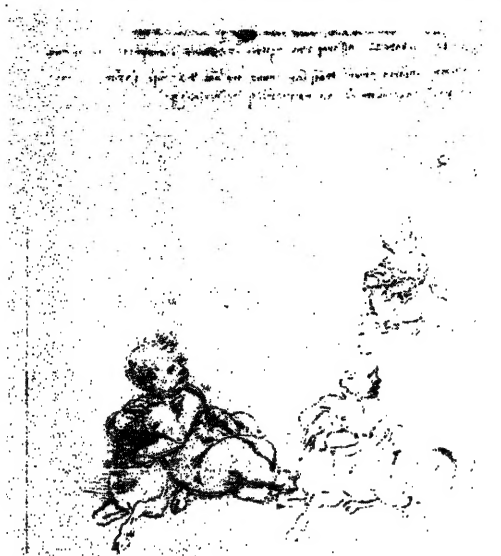
preface to the hardcover catalog produced by Sotheby's for the occasion, is just over 14 years old.

On June 28, 1972, he acquired the last drawing in pen and ink with gray wash by Horacio Dumier. "Un Atelier de Peinture," as a sale held by Sotheby's in London for £17,500 (\$44,800). Two weeks later, Gaines tried his luck with a drawing from a school that could not be further removed stylistically. At another Sotheby's auction of July 11, 1972, he bought a sheet of studies in pen and brown ink by one of the three Carracci brothers. In the central area some shepherds are huddled together, clearly as a preliminary study for some Adoration of the Shepherds. Their heads, seen sideways, appear in a tondo hovering over the group, like some blown-up detail taken from a different angle. Pressed against the margins, a single face seen three-quarters is done below the tondo. Even though these are the artist's working notes, the balance and the sense of space are wonderful. At the bottom of the sheet, an early inscription in pencil indicates that, at some point in the 18th century, it was thought to be by Annibale Carracci. However, a complex set of deductions largely based on the existence of a copy by Domenico di Corti, a later composition by Annibale, now induces scholars to attribute the sheet to his brother, Agostino. In other words, we are in the realm of speculation.

Uncertainty of this kind is rather more frequent than certainty when it comes to Old Master drawings. This used to intimidate non-specialists. Until recently they stayed away from a field dominated by dedicated art lovers with years of experience acquired through repeated visits to museums and, more important still, to collectors and dealers of long standing, where they would rummage for hours through folders.

In 1972, Gaines did not enjoy that advantage. But he could take heart from the roll of famous owners who had once held the Carracci sheet. Heading the list was Sir Thomas Lawrence, the English painter who was one of the greatest collectors of Old Master drawings. The list of museum exhibitions and scholarly publications in which the Carracci sheet had appeared was no less impressive. Gaines paid £15,500, then about \$39,680, which was a large price in those days, just as the \$363,000 it was sold for Nov. 17 in New York is a large figure now.

Paying high prices for works carrying the most distinguished attributions or signatures, with a yard-long pedigree, was to remain a rule of thumb with him. One feels tempted to speculate that the collector's approach was influenced by the horse breeder's instincts. When Gaines ventured to run to the line, he did so only with two or three dealers of world renown. It had to be Eugene Shaw, or Daniel Wildenstein, not a Mr. Smith. Above all, he made sure that what he acquired had once been in such exalted hands and graced by



Child with a Lamb, by Leonardo da Vinci, sold for \$3,740,000.

inclusion in so many august publications that no one would presume to question the authenticity or the attribution. He wanted Leonardo's name to appear on his calling list and indeed he got a tiny conveyer — a sheet with three minuscule studies of a child embracing a lamb on one side and a sketch of a mechanical device on the other. Not so one will ever dispute its authorship. This is not just because of the typical swirling strokes and Leonardo's three lines of text, in equally idiosyncratic mirror reverse. Its provenance is dazzling. In the early 19th century, the sheet belonged to Thomas Lawrence again. It later entered the collection of the Grand Dukes of Saxe-Weimar and remained in the Schlossmuseum at Weimar until its sale in 1929. The Leonardo then made the voyage to New

York as did so many art treasures with the stream of refugees fleeing Nazi folly.

Anybody who counts "Vinciano" has discussed it and occasionally reproduced it, from I. Sellin in his epoch-making "Leonardo da Vinci, der Wendepunkt der Renaissance" in 1909 to J. Wasserman, who refocused attention on it in 1970 with an article in *The Burlington Magazine*. "A Re-discovered Cartoon by Leonardo da Vinci." That did it for Gaines as it did on Monday for the J. Paul Getty Museum when it bid up to \$3,740,000, making this the dearest drawing per square fraction of an inch in the world.

On the whole, however, the Kentucky horse breeder preferred the reassuring glimmer of the big, heavily advertised auction. He had one Dürer and that came

from the greatest collection of Old Master drawings formed in Basel in this century, the Tobias Christ Collection auctioned in London at Sotheby's on April 9, 1981. "The Satyr's Family," as the first thought for a well-known engraving is called, has again been discussed and illustrated by many towering figures of scholarship on the subject, from its rediscovery in 1927 when it surfaced on the Paris market and was published by P. Ganz to W.L. Strauss' "The Complete Drawings of Albrecht Dürer," printed at Princeton in 1974.

The century bought by Gaines for £37,200, the equivalent of \$124,000 in 1981, swiftly jumped to \$440,000 on Monday.

Gaines missed none of the big events at Sotheby's and Christie's. From the Robert von Hirsch sale on June 20, 1978, he got his impressive sheet of sketches in red chalk by Vittore Carpaccio. The recto carries studies of the listeners for "The Sermon of St. Stephen" and the verso a first idea quickly jotted down for "The Martyrdom of the Ten Thousand Christians on Mount Ararat." The price, £46,200 (\$85,008), was thought huge at the time. On Monday, the Carpaccio sold for \$176,000, again making it one of the few cases where a Gaines drawing did not sell above its previous level when measured in terms of buying power.

The Chatsworth House sale held at Christie's on July 3, 1984, was the crowning piece to Gaines's highly controlled buying spree. He bought Rembrandt's admirable "View of Houtwaai," landscape with a canal in the foreground done in sepia wash, for £440,000 (\$883,200); one of the finest drawings by Jacques Callot, which is part of a series "Paysages italiens"; a superb "Virgin and Child" in red chalk by Parmigianino; a lachrymose head of Christ by Federico Barocci; and a rather clumsy group of saints described as the work of Van Dyck. On Monday, the Rembrandt "View" soared to \$957,000, paid by Ian Woodner, the great New York collector who had missed it at the Chatsworth sale, where he had over-spent. The Jacques Callot realized \$341,000 and went to a German collector. The Parmigianino went for \$286,000. But the group of saints, given to Van Dyck, was sold at only \$143,000.

Here the collector's method for once failed him. Not everyone, he put it mildly, believes in the attribution, previous scholarly publications notwithstanding. His method also failed him when "The Beholding of St. John the Baptist," called a Rembrandt at the Von Hirsch sale at Sotheby's in 1978, when it sold for £143,000 (\$291,000) and still catalogued at Sotheby's as a Rembrandt on April 9, 1984, when it realized £176,000 (\$358,000). Unfortunately, scholars have recently demoted the drawing from Rembrandtship and reduced it to the much lower rank of a work by Ferdinand Bol. Whoever the author may be, the drawing is actually a far cry from the great creation of this greatest of all draftsman, Rembrandt. The clumsy group of Jesus kneeling and the executioner's hands on a crucifix, the ex-Rembrandt was sold to a telephone bidder for \$154,000, well below its 1978 price, £143,000 (\$291,000).

Another equally wobbly Rembrandt, "A Redding Nude Girl," was acquired by Gaines at the Von Hirsch sale for £37,200 (\$85,008). On Monday it was sold for £154,000. Sotheby's was still calling it a Rembrandt but this time inserted a legal caveat to the effect that "some drawings in this group have always been questioned by scholars." If a Rembrandt, it

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From the Gaines collection, from left, Dürer, Picasso, and Claude Lorrain. Right, a detail from the Daumier with which he started.

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Man Ray: Purity of Pleasure

By Mark Hunter



Man Ray at the camera, 1928.

PARIS — The first public showing of Man Ray's film "The Return of Reason," on July 5, 1923, was not an experience most debutant filmmakers would find encouraging. The three-minute projection — at the conclusion of a series called "The Dadaist Hour" mounted by his friend, the Dadaist leader Tristan Tzara — was interrupted three times. Twice the film broke (Man Ray had assembled it with glue), and then a fight began when a Dadaist insulted a less enthusiastic spectator. The police cleared the hall and no one saw the end of the movie.

But Man Ray was perfectly pleased. Perhaps, he wrote in his autobiography, "Self-Portrait," the audience believed that the film was much longer, and that they had missed its "message." At any rate, he added, "The Dadaists were delighted." And to his reputation as a photographer and painter he could add that of a filmmaker.

In all, Man Ray shot four 16mm films in the 1920s, not counting collaborations signed by Marcel Duchamp, Pierre Prévost, René Clair and Marcel Duhamel, and several more in the '30s. The latter films (shot in 35 and 9.5mm) are home movies, if not early examples of the genre, of interest mainly to those who want to see how famous artists (including Pablo Picasso and Paul Eluard) cut up on their free time. But the earlier films, showing through Nov. 27 in a separate program at Les 3 Louvres, capture the spirit and methods of the Dadaists and Surrealists, with which Man Ray was closely associated (try as he

might, he couldn't help transgressing the rigid discipline of the Surrealists).

"The Return of Reason" offers a succession of wild ideas. It opens with the first cinematic use of his "rayograph" technique. It was done by pouring salt and pepper onto film and exposing the blend to



Nude torso from "The Return of Reason."

white light (the image is like staring through a blizzard); this segues to a second rayograph made with pins, then to a reborn, running, walking (the model Kiki of Montparnasse). The juxtaposition of the banal, the silly, and the strange seems at once ridiculous and perfect: we're in the middle of a Surrealist light-poop.

Man Ray incorporated these sequences into the 22-minute "Emak Bakia" (1926),

made in the bosom of his millionaire friend Arthur Wheeler (at one-fifth the price Wheeler expected, in keeping with the artist's lifelong habit of charging too little for his work). Once again he invented technique: To give the illusion of a road accident in one shot, he threw the camera into the air (luckily catching it on the way down).

The entire film was improvised, in keeping with the Surrealist spirit of "total conquest" for the conventional art of telling a story," as Man Ray later wrote. But the film's final sequence, in which a man played by the Dadaist dandy Jacques Rigaut methodically tears his striped collar to shreds, and the shreds begin to dance, brings its unrelated passages to a hilarious climax. Man Ray told a Los Angeles audience in 1943 that he wanted the spectator "to rush out" at the end "and be the leading actor in his own dramatic problems," and this sequence leaves you with just such an unfulfilled kinetic urge.

The closest thing to a conventional film in the program is "The Mystery of the Castle of Dior" (1928, 25 minutes) which takes its epigram from the poet Mallarmé: "A throw of the dice will never abolish chance." It recounts a voyage, from Paris to a villa in the Midi (designed by the architect Robert Mallarmé for the Viscount de Noailles, who backed the movie), every step of which is determined by chance.

The opening shots are all rushing, horizontal motion. Once the voyagers reach their destination, the "action" becomes circular, as Man Ray rotates his frame around the horizontal, vertical and diagonal lines



Rayograph with pins from "The Return of Reason."

within the images. The castle itself is the chief character. Mesh screens slide away to reveal "the secrets of painting" (a mirror), masked characters in striped bathing suits cover with a giant ball beside a swimming pool (in a sequence entitled *piacemine*), and the viewer is drawn into an accelerating spinning dance. The other film in the show is "The Sea of the Sea" (1928-29).

The music accompanying the films — notably numerous jazz tunes by Django Reinhardt and Stéphane Grappelli, and Lehar's "Merry Widow" waltz in the collar scene of "Emak Bakia" — is essential to their effect. Man Ray once remarked that "I have always demanded a sound accompaniment to round out the effect of silent pictures." In this case the demand fell on his wife, Juliet Man Ray, who assembled the music heard in this program for a showing in Los Angeles in the '40s. Taken together, the images and music are a striking anticipation (not to mention an improvement) of the current multi-video genre; you feel the rhythm in every shot.

Man Ray's movies seem experimental. They are unashamedly non-commercial, even by the standards of their time, and his

refusal to make concessions to the film business is the major reason there are not more of them. (His one meeting with a film producer in Hollywood ended in total confusion when Man Ray asked for half the typical budget, then insisted on being the director, cameraman, and star.) However, Juliet Man Ray, whose collection figures prominently in the program, said recently: "He didn't consider them experiments; he said, 'They're final works.' Their real message is a purity of pleasure, as distinct from the self-consciously serious avatars of our time as it is from conventional filmmaking."

"He always said, 'Don't ask me how I do it, just look at what it is.' Juliet Man Ray recalled. Those interested in the low of these films will nonetheless be fascinated by an exhibition of objects, writings, and still photographs from Man Ray's film and related work in other fields, superbly mounted by the Clubhouse association at the Fondation Maeght (34 Avenue de New York) through Dec. 15.

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Perils and Politics of Prizes

by Olivier Todd

November — not April, as T. S. Eliot would have it — is "the cruellest month," at least for 40 odd novelists shortlisted by the juries of the main French literary prizes. They are now being attributed with an ever-increasing media fanfare. Most of the 250 novelists who published their works in the last four months had their eyes on the prizes. They are now being attributed with an ever-increasing media fanfare. Most of the 250 novelists who published their works in the last four months had their eyes on the prizes. They are now being attributed with an ever-increasing media fanfare. Most of the 250 novelists who published their works in the last four months had their eyes on the prizes.

No one was surprised to see two publishing firms, Grasset and Gallimard — never mind the writers — prying the Goncourt and the Renaudot prizes last Monday. It's safe to bet that, when the prize season is over, when the Femina, the Médicis and the Interallié are distributed, these firms, Grasset, Gallimard and Le Seuil, will probably, once more, trust the prizes. Predictions are easy. As with French election polls, the margin of error is small, the fun of suspense limited and the number of possible outsiders insignificant.

The three publishing firms — Gallimard, Grasset and Le Seuil — are not alone, of course, in their quest for the prizes. They are joined by a host of other publishers, some of whom are not so well known.

directions on the payrolls, writers on the lists, holders of nicely forgotten overdrafts or substantial and respected advances. The judges and the publishers on the prizes don't all vote for straightforward aesthetic reasons. Let's be quite honest: better, homo, bisexual considerations also come into account. Nothing is more human than the way a prize is attributed. No prize is perfect, some are just more rigged than others.

Still, it's all good fun, revealing the intricately incestuous characteristics of the literary Parisian world. Sartre or Camus — bless their Nobel prizes — never got a good French prize but many other important writers did.

The Goncourt or the Femina winners are often simply presented with a box of *marquise* gloves to aged suits for Christmas, and many copies of prize-winning novels are bought but never read. Yet, all in all, the prize around the literary prizes, mentioned in the most illustrious magazines and newspapers, helps to sell hundreds of thousands of books. It has nothing to do with the literary prize. It's a curious French sociological phenomenon.

Militant opponents of the prize system include exasperated writers like Julien Gracq, who turned down a Goncourt, and Jean-Pierre Laurant, who turned down a Renaudot. Both are known publishers like Robert Laffont. They argue that for a few weeks the prizes spotlight a few novels to the detriment of more serious or ambitious books.

What would the literary scene look like

without the prizes? What would have happened to the patient if he had not gone to his neighbor for so long? We just don't know. Opponents and friends of the system have been arguing ever since 1903.

For the winners of the prizes, there are considerable advantages. Some disappear into the obscurity they richly deserve but others with this decoration, an *prix*, sail into the world of professional writers. In your fifties or sixties, with your prize money you can afford three trips around the world without having to write articles to pay for them. If you invest your money, you can acquire masterpieces at your leisure. Taxwise, prize money is spread over five years. At a certain age, a prize provides recognition and a kind of extra social security benefit.

Prizes are dangerous for younger authors. One can dream in \$300,000 or more. A youthful laureate buys a flat, a house and backs in business. What with the evanescent glory, the PR bluffs, the lectures, the radio and TV appearances, the tours which can take you to Mont-de-Marcen, a prize can frequently paralyze a writer. Caught up in a provincial and fragile star-system, the novelist laureate is asked for their own opinions on nuclear physics, obstetrics, Montanism, the sun, anything. It can kill them. The prizes of the literary prize, of course, depressions, bouts of paranoia, drinking. For, I suggest, is the right age for



Christian Giudicelli, winner of the Prix Renaudot.

a prize, provided you've got half a dozen moderately successful works behind you and if you are just skeptical about the Parisian literary scene, not yet downright cynical. Laureates, deserving and undeserving, eventually all have to face one problem: whatever happens, their next book will raise



Michel Host, winner of the Prix Goncourt.

ly, if ever, sell as well as their prize-winning novel. Down from 500,000 copies to 30,000. Laureates, deserving and undeserving, eventually all have to face one problem: whatever happens, their next book will raise



Gilles Lapouge, runner-up for the Prix Goncourt.

and, in the long run, tough on writers' morale — whether they get a prize or not. Never long for a prize. Never refuse it. Never trust it.

In a sweet-and-sour way, November is indeed a cruel month for French writers. ■

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A Family Journey to the Surface of the Earth

by Polly Devlin

LONDON — In one of his more thunderous passages, Baudelaire attacked those landscape painters who wanted to express nature, minus the feelings that it inspired. "They are submitting to an old sort of operation," he wrote, "which consists in killing the reflective and sensitive man within them. In this city cult of a nature, neither purged nor explained by imagination, I see an obvious symptom of general degradation. They open a window and the whole space contained in the rectangle of that window — trees, sky and house — assumes for them the value of a ready-made poem."

I wonder what the bold Baudelaire would have felt if he could but see Boyle Family's current exhibition at the Hayward Gallery. In it they have opened a window and everything within that rectangle assumes the value of a ready-made poem. It is part of an astonishing anthology which had its genesis more than 30 years ago when Mark Boyle, a Glasgow poet, met Joan Hills, a beautiful painter, and without hesitation they submitted on their life's adventure, an odyssey which they literally mapped out — "A Journey to the Surface of the Earth. Now there are four members of Boyle Family. Their offspring, Sebastian, 24, and Georgia, 24, have participated in the project since before they were born, as integral members. "Not a democracy," warns Sebastian. "Four warring dictators."

This particular exhibition is just one of the breeding stages in their "Journey to the Surface of the Earth." The "Journey" was originally projected in 1968, and officially launched at the Institute of Contemporary Arts the following year. At the concept's center is the "World Series," 1,000 randomly designated sites which the Boyles arrived at by having blindfolded friends and participants throw darts at a map of the world. Where the dart fell became the place that was to be made. The fact that the 1000 Series can never be completed is no obstacle to the almost manic, certainly obsessive, search of the Journey. Besides the size of the project — far beyond a human life-span — some of the sites are under the sea, or are equally inaccessible. Undaunted, the Boyle Family presses on.

What, you may ask, do they press on for? They travel to the places as marked by the dart thrown many years ago and, once at the area, further pinpoint the site by the throwing of another dart at a more detailed map. At the actual site, a Boyle throws a set square into the air and where it lands becomes one work, the landscape opposite to the one they came to the Earth. Chance, random choice, accident, this appears to be the accompaniment, although anyone with pretensions towards Jung will surmise that accident finally has little to do with it, and that there must be a marvelous correspondence between where they arrive and where they wish to be.

Anyone who has seen or even read about the sublime paintings in the caves of Lascaux must be stirred by the unburied of ideas and associations, the hints and suggestions contained in the images of the dart striking a place on a map pinned to a wall, a place already pinned to the Earth, pinning the place in the mind so that very earth becomes a staging box. It is a way of doing the land and, though Boyle Family, a gentle, passionate band, would eschew such conceptual violence, nonetheless killing the image is the business they are in.

So the Boyles pin the site in their imagination before they even see it. And, given this provocation, it is obvious that they must be scrupulous in finding the right site, the exact place, precisely as careful mortals. And having found it they treat it tenderly; take its exact image, render it with resins, plastic, real earth, stones, facsimiles until a clone has been created. This is done by photography, scarping, measurements, drawing, and experiments on the site. Then, in their studio in Greenwich, the place is entirely recreated.

They make an exact facsimile of their subject site without changing anything. But of course the whole thing is changed and we are shown a new aspect of Earth. And a most moving one it is, even when the site is filled with detritus. Boyle Family aspire to absolute mimetic representations. The result is strange, shocking and testament to the dignity of the Earth and a realization of our own origins. There is tragedy in these images, and energy. Walking around the beautiful space that the organization have created out of one of the most unpromising rooms in the Hayward, one can readily understand and collide in the medieval belief beyond imagination: Boyle Family, Hayward Gallery, London until Jan. 25. ■

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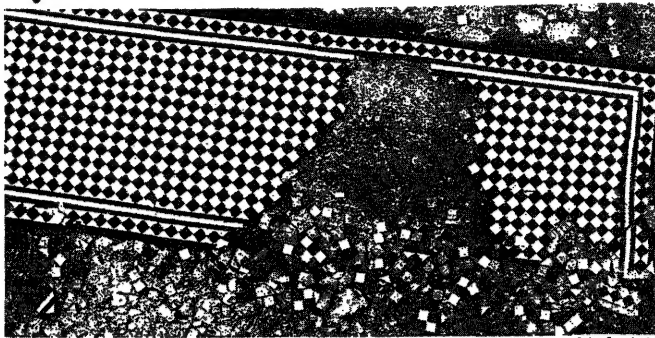
nude girl does not look much like one — in the distant past it was once a Fabritius Carol. Such mishaps are infinitely less likely in late 19th and 20th century drawings. However, even then they are not inconceivable. Yet another Von Hirsch drawing catalogued by Sotheby's as a Georges Seurat and described by its expert as "a complete study for the painting 'La Parade'" may not retain its present label forever. At least two connoisseurs of high standing both requesting anonymity expressed skepticism about Seurat's participation in such a drawing. I would be tempted to see it as a drawing after Seurat's painting by a political fellow traveler. He missed among other things, the typical handling of light and shadow that is the hallmark of Seurat as a draftsman. The drawing was sold for \$330,000.

All told, given the extreme difficulty of collecting drawings, Gaines made remarkably few blunders. The last accounted for the businessman lunging into the unknown and essentially using criteria external to art in order to build up "a collection," "deserve a tribute of admiration in its own way. He wanted to be seen as a collector and through a lucky market might go to make lots of money. He succeeded in both. The \$21,880,000 real-

ized by 45 of the 46 drawing lots Monday must have more than doubled the original estimate. This is the first time that a collection has been built up in this way in the field of Old Master drawings. It is also the first time that what is in effect a gigantic speculation has come off. It is a rare and rare previously intimated from such financial onslaughts.

It could inspire others with similar ambitions. If so, it would seriously jolt the market. There are very few real masterpieces around which have the pedigree of the kind that Gaines went after. Duplicating the operation would not be easy and buying without pedigree would be even trickier for beginners. The future looks very uncertain.

The other extraordinary procedure that the auctioneer set concerns the selling method. Gaines was to consign his collection to Christie's, which was prepared to loan him \$5 million in advance, when, according to a source close to the transaction, the negotiation came to a sudden halt. Two days later, it was said that Sotheby's had bid on the table \$7 million. If the information is accurate, as I have reason to believe, and if the bid for goods to be sold is to proceed along these lines, the art market might go to make lots of money. He succeeded in both. The \$21,880,000 real-



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